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Maoists Attack Police Posts ...

¶1. (C) Early in the morning on March 21, Maoists attacked police stations in three areas across the country. They attacked an area police office in Birtamod, Jhapa District (southeastern Nepal). According to Jhapa Chief District Officer Bhola Shivakota, the Maoists killed nine policemen and injured 20-21 more as well as two civilians. Security forces recovered the bodies of three Maoists. Maoists arrived in Dharan, Dankuta District (also in the east) and reportedly started firing indiscriminately at the area police station. They killed one policeman and injured another. Maoists also attacked a police post located at the Bardiya District Development Office (in mid-western Nepal) and injured three policemen and two civilians.

... RNA Attacks Maoists in Central Nepal

¶2. (SBU) Acting on information that Maoists had gathered in Darechowk, Dhading District (to the west of Kathmandu), the Royal Nepalese Army (RNA) attacked the area on the morning of March 21. The RNA Public Affairs Office told Emboff that the RNA had killed 20 Maoists and recovered some arms and ammunition. There were no RNA casualties.

Comment

¶3. (C) The RNA's successful initiative in Dhading should help boost RNA morale somewhat, after it lost 13 soldiers on March 20 when the Maoists ambushed them in Kavre District (reftel). The military engagements with Maoists in Kavre and Dhading Districts, both abutting the Kathmandu Valley, could indicate that the Maoists are proceeding with their plan to gather their forces to establish base areas in the districts surrounding the Kathmandu Valley, possibly to prepare for an attack either in the Valley or nearby.
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